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Parambikulam scheme

* 2715 *Q.*—Sri N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that an expert engineer investigated the Parambayar Scheme for Coimbatore district for utilising the water from Travancore-Cochin State and submitted a report to the Collector of Coimbatore between 1947 and 1951 about the scheme;

(*b*) if so, what his recommendation was about the scheme; and

(*c*) the cost of the scheme and the districts that would be benefited by it?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (*a*) The Member presumably refers to the question of diversion of the waters of the Parambikulam on the Travancore-Cochin border for the benefit of Coimbatore district. A preliminary examination of this was made by the Public Works Department. No report was submitted to the Collector of Coimbatore.

(*b*) The Chief Engineer (Irrigation) recommended that the consideration of the scheme might be postponed until the investigation of schemes already taken up had been completed.

(*c*) The scheme, as formulated in 1947, was estimated to cost about Rs. 4 crores and expected to irrigate 33,608 acres in Pollachi taluk, Coimbatore district.

The scheme as now revised is called the Parambikulam Ar-Uppar-Aliyar Project and is estimated to cost roughly Rs. 32 crores and to irrigate about 2½ lakhs of new area in Udumalpet, Dharapuram and Pollachi taluks and enable the raising the second crop on 27,000 acres under the Aliyar including 20,000 acres in the Travancore-Cochin State.

Sri P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : May I know who has investigated into this scheme and whether the investigation was made to find out whether it will affect the Peringal Kuthu Hydro-Electric Scheme and the Chalakundipuzha Scheme in the Travancore-Cochin State and future power generation and irrigation schemes to be undertaken in the proposed Kerala State?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : Our Special Chief Engineer has made a sort of survey not based on actual details. We have also approached the Travancore-Cochin Government for making a complete and detailed investigation and it is for them to say whether it will adversely affect all these schemes, as alleged by the hon. Member.

Sri P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : On a point of personal explanation, Sir. The Hon. Minister has stated that I have made an allegation. I have not made any allegation. I did not know whether the investigation was made with reference to the facts

mentioned by me. My suggestion is that a joint investigation by the Engineers of this State as well as Travancore-Cochin State should cover these facts before any decision is arrived at?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI: When detailed investigation is taken up, naturally all these questions will be considered. But we have made only a tentative suggestion and it is for the Travancore-Cochin State to agree to a joint investigation of the scheme when all these matters will be investigated. It is too premature now to say anything.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: இந்த திட்டத்தை அமுல் நடத்துவதற்கு அவர்களுடைய பர்மிஷன் வாங்க இந்த சர்க்கார் திருவாங்கூர் சர்க்காரை பல முறை சந்தித்துப் பேசியிருக்கிறார்கள். அது எந்த நிலையில் இருக்கிறது என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI: பல முறை பேசினோம் என்று அவர் சொல்லுகிறார். ஆனால் கனம் அங்கத்தினர் சொல்லுவதைப்போல் நாங்கள் சந்தித்துப் பேசவே இல்லை. அவர் அவ்விதம் எப்படிச் சொல்லுகிறார் என்பது தெரியவில்லை. நாங்கள் அவர்களுக்கு எழுதியிருக்கிறோம். அவர்களுடைய பதிலையும் எதிர் பார்த்துக் கொண்டிருக்கிறோம்.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: தண்ணீரைக் கொடுக்க முடியாது என்று அவர்கள் சொன்னதாக பத்திரிகையில் பார்த்தேன். அது உண்மையா?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI: நாங்கள் பத்திரிகைகளைப் பார்ப்பது வழக்கம் இல்லை. பத்திரிகைகளில் என்ன வந்தது என்பது எனக்குத் தெரியாது. அவர்கள் நேரடியாக ஒன்றும் பதில் அளிக்கவில்லை.

SRI V. C. PALANISAMI GOUNDER: In the matter of investigating this big Parambikulam scheme, which is one of the major schemes in the Madras State, may I know whether the Government will consider and issue instructions to the Engineering Department to carry the alignment of the Channel to the higest possible level?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI: The scheme itself has not taken a final shape but the hon. Member is anxious about it now.

SRI V. K. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER: ஸார், இந்த பரம்பயார் ஆறானது சென்னை ராஜ்யத்திலேயே ஆரம்பித்துவருவதால் அந்தத் தண்ணீர் சென்னை ராஜ்யத்தின் தண்ணீர் என்பது சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியுமா?

10 a.m. THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI: Yes, Sir.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: May I know from the Hon. Minister whether he is aware of the reality that we are not . . .

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: What is meant by "we"?

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SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : That we the people of Kerala including Travancore and Cochin State are not against the utilization of surplus water that is flowing into the sea if it is a fact? . But the point is whether there is any excess water at all? Have our Government found any necessity for having a joint examination? Otherwise, it will be only a one party examination of the question. I wish to know, on what basis the Government have prepared a scheme costing Rs. 32 crores without even knowing whether there is excess water at all?

SRI B. K. NALLALSWAMI : On a point of order, Sir. I wish to know whether any debate is allowed during question time?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : It is definitely presumed that a very large quantity of water is going to waste into the sea. On that basis we have proposed these things. It is for the Government of Travancore-Cochin State to say that it is not so and that they require the water available. We do not want the water required by them. Not even a drop of water required by them will be taken away by us. But all the waters superfluous to their needs and going to waste into the sea can only be expected to be tapped. Of course, our expectations are based on tentative findings and that I have already told the House. The hon. Member need not excite himself over the fact that we are making a claim fantastically. We are referring the matter to the Planning Commission and it is up to them to accede to our request or not.

SRI P. CHELLATHURAI : திருவாங்கூர்-கொச்சி இராஜ்யத்திற்குப் பயன்படாது. ஆனால் சென்னை இராஜ்யத்திற்கு மிகவும் பயன்படத்தக்க பரம்பையாறு ஆலடி பரம்பையாறு போன்ற திட்டம் போன்றவைகளை திருவாங்கூர்-கொச்சி சர்க்கார் வேண்டுமென்றே எதிர்த்தால், சென்னை அரசாங்கம் எடுக்கப்போகும் நடவடிக்கை எதுவாக இருக்கும் என்று அறியலாமா ?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : இப்பொழுது எல்லாவற்றையுமே மத்திய சர்க்காரால் நியமிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கும் பிளானிங் கமிஷனின் பொறுப்பில் விட்டு வைத்திருக்கிறோம். இம்மாதிரி தகராறுகள் ஏற்படாமல் தடுக்கவே அவர்கள் ஒரு சட்டம் நிறைவேற்றிக் கொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள். ஆகவே அந்தச் சட்டத்தின் பிரகாரம் நமக்குச் சேரவேண்டிய திட்டங்களையும் அவர்கள் நிறைவேற்றிக் கொடுப்பார்கள் என்றே நம்புகிறோம்.

MR. SPEAKER : As there are about 50 questions set down for being answered to-day; with the leave of the House I will take fifteen more minutes and finish them.

Harijan Welfare School for Kilputhupattu village

* 2716 *Q.*—SRI B. K. NALLASWAMI (on behalf of Sri M. Venugopala Goundar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 750, dated 16th February 1955 the steps taken so far to open a Harijan Welfare School at Kilputhupattu village, Marakkanam firka, Tindivanam taluk?